

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3112**

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TO:	The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Representative McLeod	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	Joint Resolution
SUBJECT:	Constitutional Amendment Ballot - High Quality Education		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

The Joint Resolution proposes an amendment to Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, relating to free public schools, so as to require the General Assembly to provide for a high-quality education for all children of the State.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Election Commission indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds. While there is a cost associated with printing a referendum ballot, the funding for statewide general elections is sufficient to cover this cost.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

If the amendment were to pass, the potential impact on education funding would depend on how the term "high quality education" is further defined.

Approved by:



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